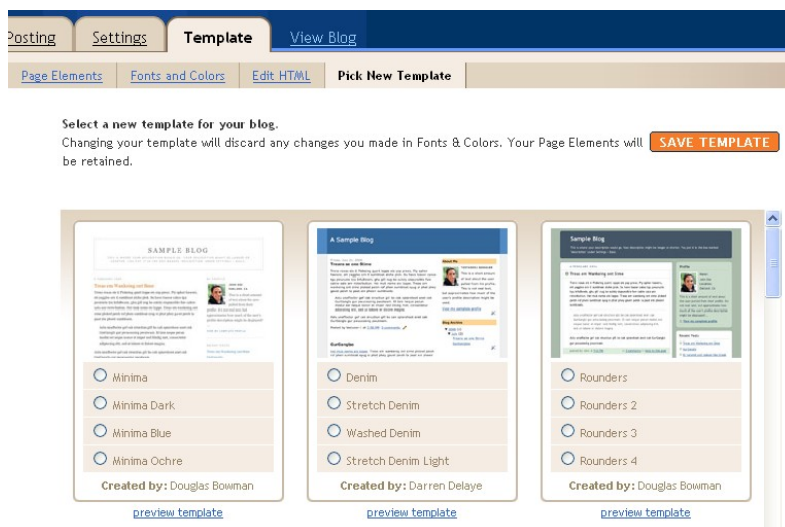


# Blogger: Templates and Page Content

## Templates Tab

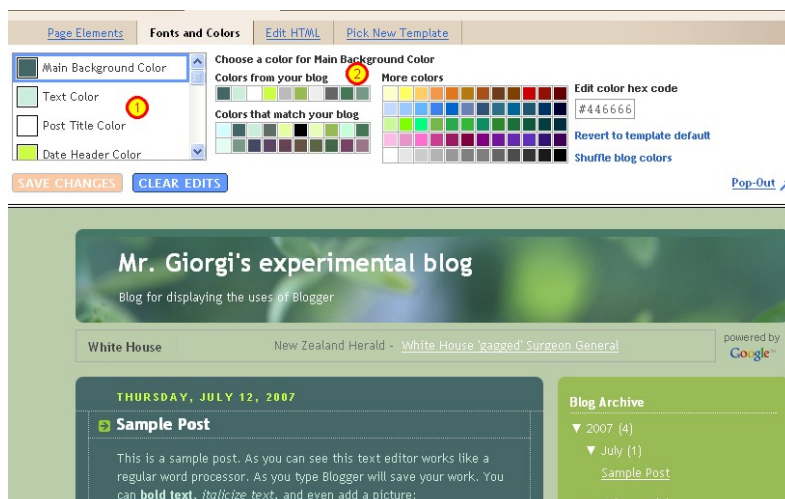
From the Templates Tab you can pick a template for the layout of your page.

For this sample page, we are using Rounders 4, but explore to find a template you deem appropriate.



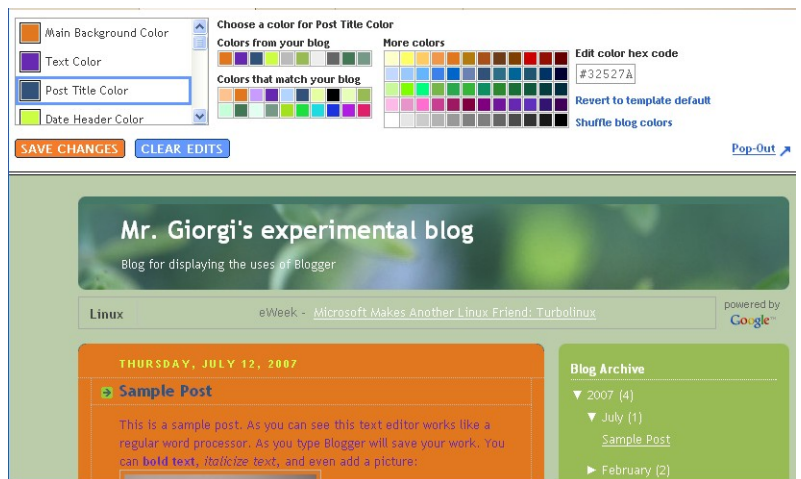
## Fonts and Colors

1. You choose the element you want to recolor
2. Select the color from the available colors, either colors already in your blog or colors you want to add.



## Fonts and Colors (Continued)

As you can see, choices can get quite outlandish. But just click Clear Edits to avoid a web design catastrophe.

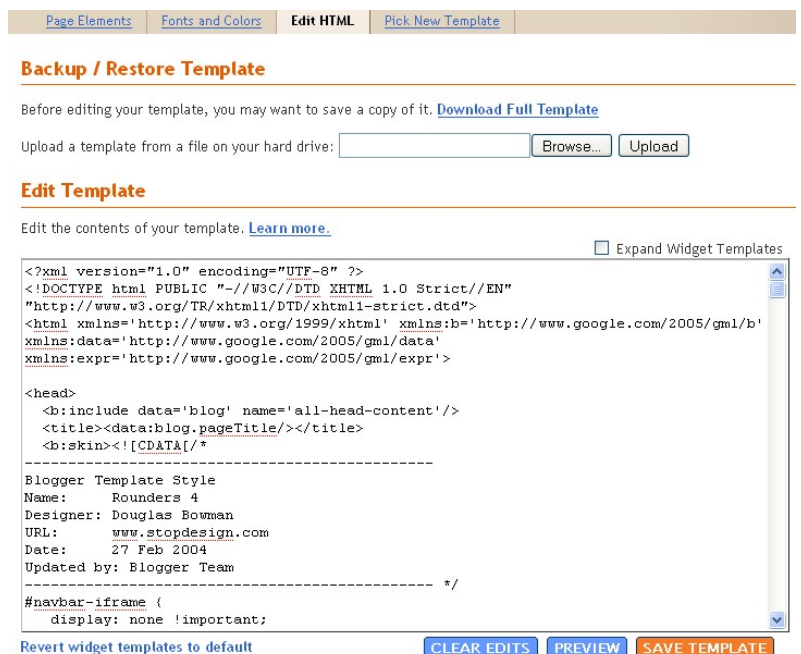


## Edit HTML

If you like coding and want to author your own template, this is the place.

Though we are not going to spend much time here right now, it is important to know where it is for an exercises we will do in a later module.

Right now we are going to get back to the business of populating our blog. We will return to this later.

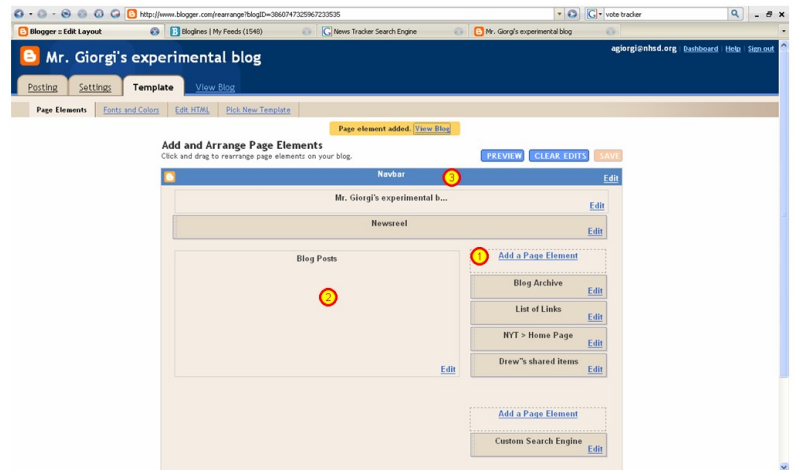


# Adding Page Content

In the Templates tab you can arrange content and add “Page Elements”; this could be anything from a photo to a video to a customized search engine. This is where we get access to the most useful content from a teaching standpoint.

What is here:

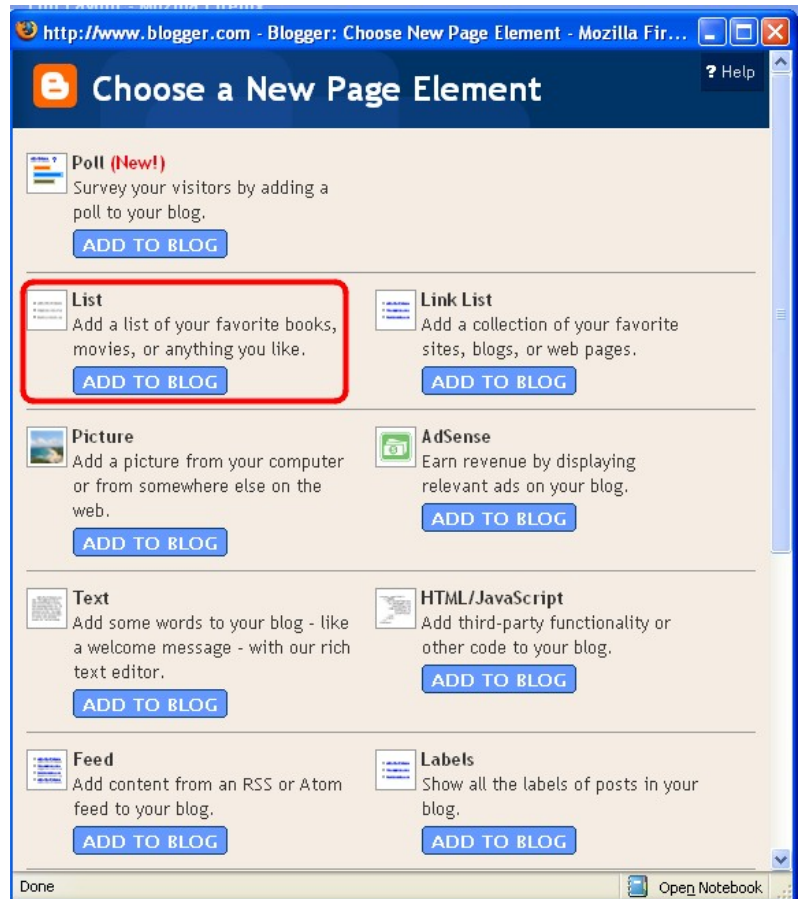
1. The most important link in terms of adding content
2. Where your main posts are in the layout
3. Navbar: we are going to learn how to eliminate this from the view of students in a later module in the Edit HTML section.



## Add a Page Element

1. Click on Add a Page Element and a window like this one will appear. You can now add an ever expanding list of content to your blog.

2. For this exercise we will add a simple list. Click on ADD TO BLOG under the List heading.

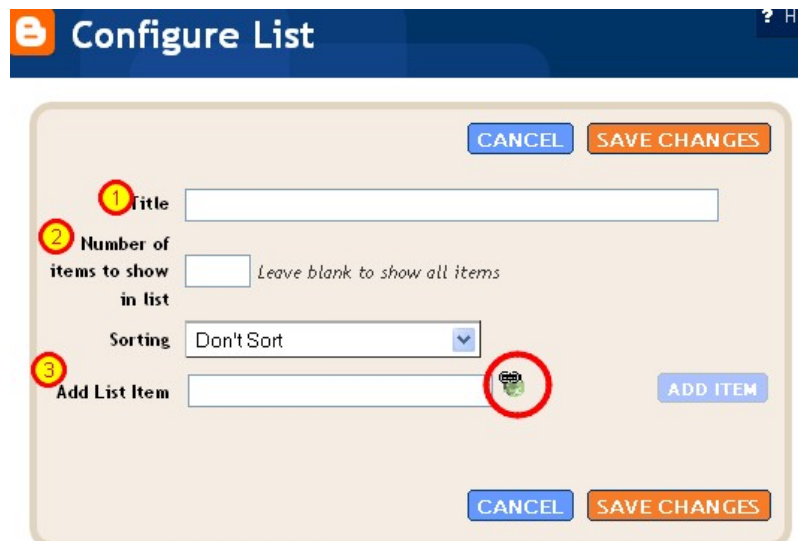


## List Dialogue Box Appears

1. Fill in the list following the prompts

2. Click Save Changes and view your blog.

*Special Note: The link (circled) will allow you to attach a URL to your list item*



## Our sample list appears in our blog

Not bad for a pug!!

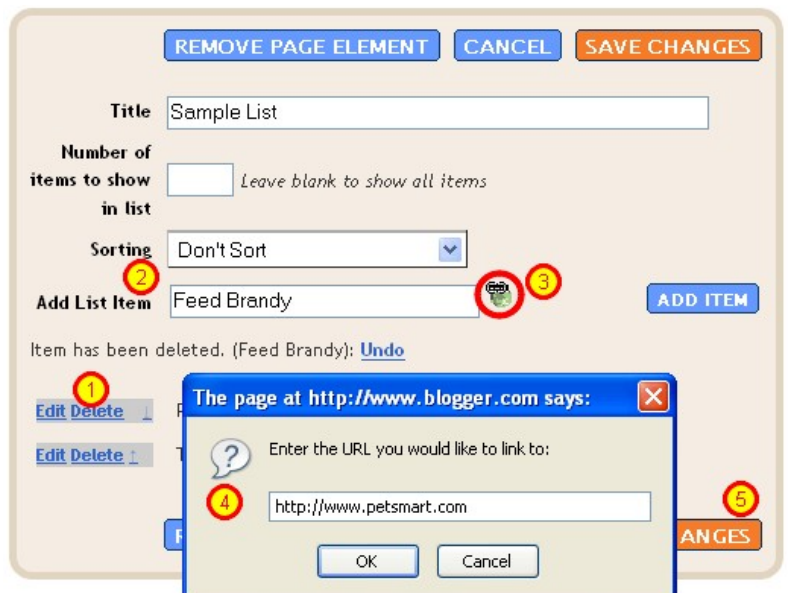
OK, now that we added a list, let's make something link to a url.

Click on the Wrench and Screwdriver (circled). It is a quick way to get back to the dialogue box we were just working with. You will find these types of shortcuts hidden all over Blogger and it will make you more productive if you take advantage of them.



## Add a link...

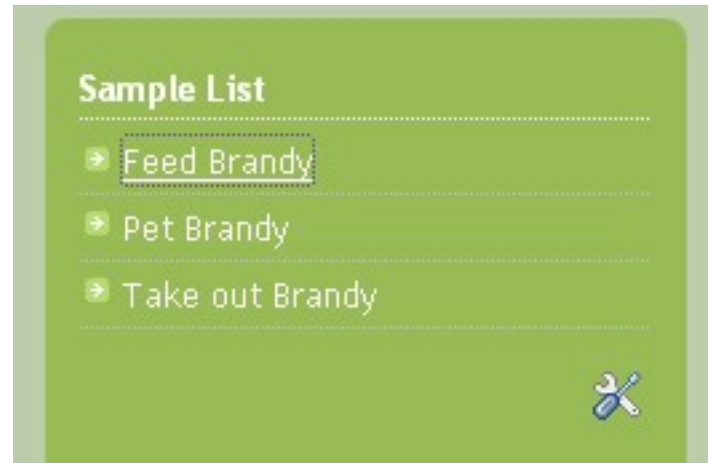
1. Delete out the first link, in our case it is Feed Brandy
2. Type in Feed Brandy in the Add List Item Box
3. Click on the URL link (circle)
4. Type in the URL, in our case <http://www.petsmart.com>
5. Click OK and SAVE CHANGES



## The link is active

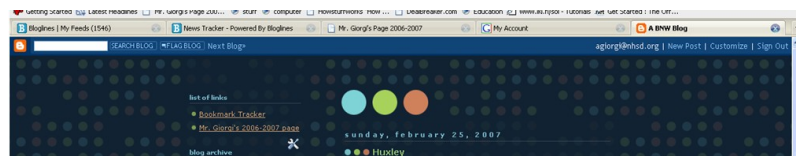
The URL link is now active in our list.  
Click on it to head to Pet Smart.

They accept credit cards and Brandy's  
address is...



## Getting Rid of the Navbar

1. Go back to the EDIT HTML tab.



## Code to remove the navbar

1. The code to remove the navbar is  
located in the green section.

You can copy it from here:

```
#navbar-iframe {  
    display: none !important;  
}
```

```
<b:skin><![CDATA[/*  
-----  
Blogger Template Style  
Name:      Rounders  
Designer:  Douglas Bowman  
URL:       www.stopdesign.com  
Date:      27 Feb 2004  
Updated by: Blogger Team  
----- */
```

```
#navbar-iframe {  
    display: none !important;  
}
```

```
/* Variable definitions  
=====
```

```
<Variable name="mainBgColor" description="Main Background Color"  
    type="color" default="#fff" value="#ffffff">  
<Variable name="mainTextColor" description="Text Color" type="color"  
    default="#333" value="#333333">  
...
```

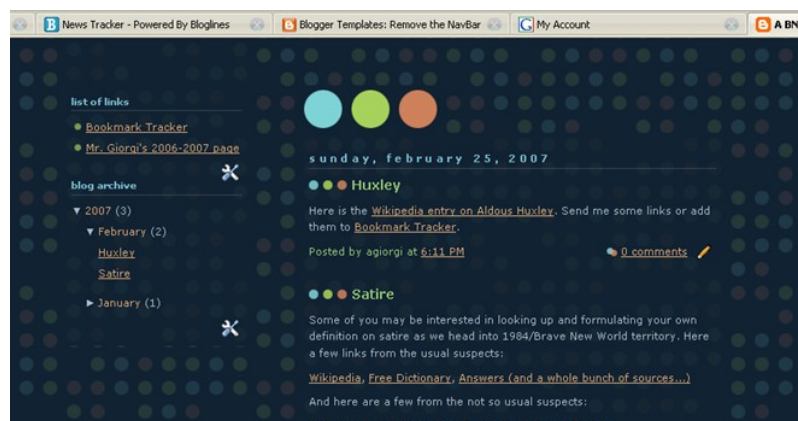


## What it will look like when you add the code in the EDIT HTML window

Note the boxed code here. It is very short, but very effective.



Navbar is gone



**Let's Pause here**

Seriously. That is where we will pause with Blogger. What we are going to do now is look at all the other services you can combine with it, from RSS feeds to creating your own search engine.